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11. (C) Charge' met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) Additional Secretary Geetha de Silva on August 30 regarding U.S. concern that Sri Lanka may be considering procuring lethal military equipment (LME) from Iran. Charge' explained that under the Iran-Syria Nonproliferation Act, procuring LME from Iran could subject Sri Lanka to sanctions. De Silva responded that she was unaware of plans to procure weapons from Iran. Ambassador de Silva said she would convey our concerns to the appropriate GSL authority and contact us after the matter was reviewed. Charge' provided Ambassador de Silva a copy of the demarche points as a non-paper.